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Nicole,
Attached is a request letter from the Moffat County Commissioners regarding Cooperating Agency status regarding wolf planning efforts.
Please confirm your receipt of this letter and let me know if there is anyone else that should receive the letter.
Thank you.
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May 10, 2022

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Dear Ms. Alt:

The Moffat County Commissioners request an invitation to be a Cooperating Agency as the US Fish and Wildlife Service conducts an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regarding the gray wolf reintroduction and management in Colorado pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 33-2-105.8. We are especially interested in Cooperating and Coordinating with the US Fish and Wildlife Service as your team considers wolf management under Section 10j of the Endangered Species Act.

Moffat County has over twenty years of direct experience as a Cooperating Agency and handling pre-decisional information from a variety of federal agencies, including but not limited to: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation. We have the authority to adopt and enforce ordinances and resolutions regarding health, safety, and welfare issues (Colo. Rev. Stat. § 30-11-101(2)) and the authority to adopt a master plan that takes into consideration the location of endangered or threatened species (Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 30-28-106(1), (3)(a)(XI)). We have special expertise regarding the social and economic impacts of wolves within our jurisdiction. In addition, we have had representatives on the 2004 effort to write the *Recommendations for Managing Wolves that Migrate into Colorado* and we hold a seat on the Stakeholder Advisory Group for introducing wolves to Colorado. Moffat County produces detailed comments, discrete recommendations, timely and thoughtful analysis of local impacts which the US Fish and Wildlife Service cannot produce.

Authority for Cooperating with Moffat County exists in NEPA, 43 U.S.C §§ 4331(a), 4332(2), and the implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. § 1501.8(a), 1508.1(e), (n), (ee). See CEQ Memorandum, *Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of the NEPA*, at 1-2, 4-5 (Jan. 30, 2002).

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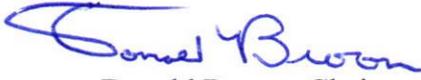
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We look forward to a timely invitation to be a Cooperating Agency in wolf management in Colorado. If you have questions concerning Moffat County's request, please don't hesitate to contact any of the below listed County Commissioners.

Respectfully,



Donald Broom, Chair
Commissioner District 3



Tony Bohrer
Commissioner District 1



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